

Report on Discussion Groups to date

Discussion Groups
January – February 2017



Dates/Locations

COMPLETE

- Tuesday, Jan 24, 10 Park Plaza
- Thursday, Feb. 2, Knights of Columbus, Charlestown
- Monday, Feb. 6, Community Assembly Room, Somerville
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, Boston City Hall
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, Community Assembly Room, Somerville

PLANNED

- TONIGHT! Monday, Feb. 13 5:30-6:45 PM Everett City Hall
- Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 - 8:00 EN
La Comunidad, 471 Broadway #1, Everett

ALSO...

- March 7: brief presentation at the Charlestown Neighborhood Council
- Potentially one more evening group in March



PARTICIPANTS

- A Better City
 - Access Advisory Committee to the MBTA
 - Charlestown Neighborhood Council
 - Charlestown Preservation Society
 - Charlestown Waterfront Coalition
 - Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard
 - Flatley Company
 - Hood Park
 - LivableStreets
 - MassCommute
 - MA Smart Growth Alliance
 - MBTA Rider Oversight Committee
 - MGH Institute of Health Professions
 - Mystic River Watershed Association
 - Northeast Transit Planning and Management
 - Sierra Club of Massachusetts
 - T-Riders Union
 - Transit Matters
 - WalkBoston
- ✧ Residents of Charlestown, Somerville, Medford



AGENDA

BACKGROUND

- Genesis of the Working Group, members, key objectives
- Timeline

WORK TO DATE

- Long Range Transportation Plan projects/land use
- Planned Growth Scenario
- Rutherford Ave

FEEDBACK ON ALTERNATIVES

- (Infrastructure Light + TDM + parking, highways/ramps, buses & trains, ride/walk/bike

OTHER IDEAS

FEEDBACK SO FAR

- General support of alternatives, but additional ideas include:
 - water transportation
 - orange line spur to Everett
 - “revolutionary, not evolutionary” with bikes and ped options and development policy. Be even more bold. Policy should drive growth, not the other way around.
 - Account for new technologies/modes (car-sharing, self-driving vehicles, etc.)
- Big questions about Rutherford Ave. Lots of passion about what should happen. Concerns for confusion between this study and Boston’s work totally justified
- Some project/policy specifics